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Vacancy Notice

Procurement Assistant

Fusion for Energy (F4E) is hiring a Procurement Assistant, who will play a key role in supporting fusion, the power of the Sun, into a future sustainable energy source.

Reference	Grade	Location	Closing date
F4E/TA/AST3/2024/0274	Temporary Agent AST3	Barcelona, Spain ¹	23/07/2024 - 12:00 noon (CET)

Is this job for you?

Do you have a track record assisting in procurement procedures, from definition of the procurement strategy to contract signature? Are you committed to ensuring an appropriate regulatory compliance level for procurement procedures and the implementation of actions ensuing from audit findings? Are you numerate, analytical and possess good organisational skills? Are you able to develop good interpersonal relations? Then this job is for you as we are looking for our new Procurement Assistant.

Fusion for Energy (F4E) is managing Europe's contribution to ITER, the biggest fusion experiment, and is contributing to several other major projects in the same domain. The fusion landscape is changing fast and F4E as a key European player will enter in a new organisation in the coming months.

Why F4E?

Fusion for Energy (F4E) is the European Union's organisation for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy. We are working with industry and laboratories to deliver cutting-edge components to the ITER international fusion energy project. In parallel, we are working on other major projects in the same domain, including the JT-60SA experiment with Japan, a new material testing facility (DONES), and, in the long-term, preparing for the next generation of fusion devices.

F4E is headquartered in Barcelona with offices in Cadarache (France) and Garching (Germany). To deliver the European contribution to ITER, face the fusion challenges, and manage more than 400 professionals, F4E is moving towards a more diverse, flexible, and result-oriented organisation. Its renewed vision is focussed on (1) successful delivery of projects, (2) developing fusion talent and knowledge base for the development of commercially viable fusion power plants in Europe and (3) paving the way for a transition from research to a competitive European industrial fusion sector.

We are committed to Diversity & Inclusion

Fusion for Energy is an equal opportunities employer and takes care to avoid any form of discrimination. As part of its commitment to diversity, gender equality and geographical distribution, F4E strongly encourages applications from female candidates and applies a policy of equal opportunities. It does not discriminate against anyone on grounds of gender, race, colour, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability or sexual orientation. Fusion for Energy offers measures to reconcile professional and private life and will provide reasonable adjustments at the workplace for persons with disabilities.

Your key areas of impact

The Commercial Management & Procurement (CMP) Unit in the Commercial Department is a key function in F4E responsible for commercial matters in relation to contracts/grant agreements, and the implementation of corporate policies relevant to its activities. The Unit is also responsible for procurement procedures. The Unit is composed of around 12 staff. As a member of the Commercial Management & Procurement Unit, the Procurement Assistant will report to the Procurement Group Leader and will work directly under this supervision. The successful candidate will, amongst other tasks:

- Assist in procurement procedures, from definition of the procurement strategy to contract signature, including:
 - Development of procurement strategy;
 - Preparation and publication of procurement documents;
 - Negotiation with tenderers;
 - Tender evaluation;
 - Award and contract signature.
- Ensure an appropriate regulatory compliance level for procurement procedures and the implementation of actions ensuing from audit findings;
- Contribute to document management activities and to providing data in commercial tools (mainly executed by external support resources);
- Participate in the preparation and delivery of training to F4E staff on procurement topics
- Contribute to business process management activities to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of procurement processes;
- Assist in the implementation of contract management activities by contributing to contract documentation and assisting in negotiations with contractors and cost assessments.

What can we offer you?

Life in Barcelona

Barcelona offers professionals and families a high quality of life. It has a year-round average temperature of 18°C and complements its cosmopolitan lifestyle and vibrant cultural life with the nature of the Mediterranean coastline and the Pyrenees.

The city is strategically located between the sea and the mountains, and it is served by an international airport. Barcelona is a cosmopolitan city with Roman remains, medieval quarters and the most beautiful examples of 20th century modernism and avant-garde architecture.

Salary and benefits

As an indication, the basic monthly salary for grade AST3 (step 1) is currently € 4.302,25. In addition to the basic salary, staff members may be entitled to various allowances, in particular a household allowance, expatriation allowance (16% of basic salary and household allowance), dependent child allowance and education allowance. The salaries of temporary agents are subject to a community tax deducted at source and are exempt from national taxation.

Where you would need to relocate, you would normally benefit from relocation and removal reimbursements. F4E has agreements with a wide range of international schools to support access to schooling for the dependent children of its staff.

Work-life balance

F4E enables staff members to reconcile family and professional life by offering flexible work arrangements and teleworking.

F4E staff members enjoy a basic entitlement of 24 days of annual leave as well as +/- 18 statutory public holidays per annum. Additional leave days may be granted for age and distance from the place of origin.

How will we evaluate your application?

A Eligibility Criteria - you can apply if:

A1. You fulfil five general requirements

1. Being a citizen of one of the Member States of the European Union or of a third state fully associated with the Euratom fusion programme.
2. Enjoying your full rights as a citizenⁱⁱ.
3. Have fulfilled the obligations imposed on you by the laws of your home country concerning military service.
4. Producing the appropriate character references as to your suitability for the performance of your duties.
5. Being physically fit to perform your dutiesⁱⁱⁱ.

A2. Your Education & Experience are in line with our requirements^{iv}

On the closing date of the application process, you must have:

A level of post-secondary education attested by a diploma and, after having obtained the diploma, 3 years of relevant professional experience;

OR

A level of secondary education attested by a diploma giving access to post-secondary education and, after having obtained the diploma, 6 years of relevant professional experience.

A3. Your Language Skills are developed

You must produce evidence of excellent written and spoken communications in English and of a satisfactory knowledge of another official language of the European Union.

B Your Qualifications and Experience

B1. It is essential that your professional history cover:

- At least three years of experience in public procurement duties as described in the above ‘Your key areas of impact’;
- Demonstrated working experience in developing and implementing procurement strategies;
- Demonstrated working experience in negotiations.

B2. Advantageous Selection Criteria

In addition to the above, the following criteria may be considered:

- Demonstrated experience in procurement under the EU General Financial Regulation or F4E’s Financial Regulations;
- Demonstrated experience in follow-up of commercial, legal or financial aspects of industrial or construction contracts;
- Relevant working experience in research, industrial or high technology projects;
- Experience in management of procurement and supply chain risks;
- Working knowledge of Spanish and/or French;
- Working experience in European or international environment.

B3. Competencies

The following competences will also be assessed:

- Numeracy, analytical and organisational skills (i.e. ability to prioritise and achieve results against set deadlines);
- Drafting skills (e.g. procurement documents, evaluation report, negotiation mandate);
- Interpersonal, communication and presentation skills.

Submission of applications

The online application process starts upon clicking “APPLY HERE” below the vacancy of your interest on the Vacancies page: <https://fusionforenergy.europa.eu/vacancies/>

You must register your application online through the F4E E-recruitment platform by creating a valid F4E user account and submitting the documents mentioned below. Fusion for Energy (F4E) is currently working to further develop F4E's selection process. The application for this vacancy notice will serve as a pilot for the new recruitment platform which means that you – even if you have previously applied for an F4E vacancy – will be asked to register a new user account and complete information on the platform, in addition to submitting your CV and Motivation Letter. We appreciate any feedback you may have regarding your user experience: hr-selections@f4e.europa.eu

Please note that the online e-recruitment application platform is the only acceptable means of submitting/sending in job applications. You are responsible for keeping your e-mail addresses and personal details up to date in your profile in F4E online application platform.

The mandatory fields in the profile marked with an asterisk should be duly filled in and you are requested to submit the following two documents:

- A detailed Europass Curriculum Vitae in **English** (can be obtained at the following address: <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/documents/curriculum-vitae>)
- A motivation letter of 2 pages maximum in English

**Applications must be complete and validly submitted by the closing date for submission of applications
No later than 23/07/2024 at 12h00 noon Barcelona time.**

In case you encounter technical problems when trying to submit your application via the e-Recruitment tool, please take a screenshot and send it to hr-selections@f4e.europa.eu. It is your responsibility to inform F4E about any technical problem immediately, within the deadline mentioned above.

Please, do not send any supporting documents (i.e.: copies of your ID-card, educational certificates, evidence of previous professional experience etc.) with your application at this stage if not specified in the Vacancy Notice.

Conditions of employment

Successful candidates will be placed on a Reserve List, and one of the candidates thereon may be offered this position.

For more information on the selection process of Temporary Agents and on the contractual and working conditions, please, refer to the "[Guide for applicants](#)" published on the F4E website along with this Vacancy Notice and the [Conditions of employment of Other Servants of the European Communities](#).

How is your data protected?

'Fusion for Energy' as the body responsible for organizing the selection process, will ensure that your personal data are processed as required by Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC Text with EEA relevance. This applies in particular to the confidentiality and security of such data. Personal data shall be processed solely for the purpose of the selection procedure.

You have the right to access and rectify your data. To update your CV and/or Motivation Letter and rectify any incorrect or inaccurate data, please login into your e-recruitment profile before the deadline for submission of the applications elapses.

After the deadline for applications has elapsed, this right will be limited to the rectification of identification details and contact information only.

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ⁱ Given the needs of the organisation, the candidate may be offered a position at any of the other F4E working places.

ii Prior to any appointment, the successful candidate will be asked to provide a certificate issued by the competent authority attesting the absence of any criminal record.

iii Before their appointment, the candidate shall be medically examined in line with requirement of Article 12(2) (d) of the Conditions of employment of other servants of the European Communities.

iv Only study titles that have been awarded by the Members of the Joint Undertaking or that are subject to the equivalence certificates issued by the authorities in the said Member States shall be taken into consideration.